

MINUTES
STATE BOARD FOR COMMUNITY AND JUNIOR COLLEGES
DECEMBER 16, 1993

The regular meeting of the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges was held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 16, 1993, in room 507 of the Education and Research Center, Jackson, Mississippi.

Members present: Alton Bankston, Bob Breeden, Amos Bridges, Lanny Monroe, Perrin Purvis, and George Walker.

Members absent: Jeannet Boston, Paul Breazeale, Barbara Ricks, and Nell Rogers.

Staff in attendance: Dr. Olon Ray, Executive Director, Bill Bunch, Ann Conerly, Dr. Larry Day, Deborah Gilbert, Eloise Johnson, Sandra Lucas, Robert L. McClellan, Ed Schneider, and Derek Youngblood.

Chairman Monroe began the meeting at 10:05 a. m., with the consensus of the other four Board members present, to go through information portions of the agenda, delaying items requiring action. The meeting would be officially called to order upon the arrival of Mr. Bridges to constitute a quorum.

PRELIMINARIES

The invocation was given by Dr. Olon Ray.

Acknowledgments/Introductions

Lanny Monroe recognized Mr. Dexter Holloway from the State Department of Education.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Olon Ray reported that the EdNet Board met on December 13, 1993. EdNet expects to begin broadcasting from the Jackson cell in early spring. As a license holder of four channels we will be required to telecast a certain number of hours per day. An advisory committee from community colleges is being formed to deal with problems and issues that may arise.

Dr. Ray reported that staff met with personnel from Mississippi State University who will be doing the evaluation of the Literacy Model Grant, involving Mississippi State University, Greater Columbus Learning Center, East Mississippi Community College and Starkville Public Schools. Existing practices will be compared and contrasted to evaluate and bring the best practices together to develop a model lab situation.

Dr. Ray also reported that we are requesting the Legislature fund our literacy program at a more reasonable level. At present the state does not fund the GED Program which is being operated with ABE funds. A request is being made for the Legislature to fund this program independently.

* Amos Bridges and Eloise Johnson entered the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was officially called to order at 10:22 a. m., by Chairman Lanny Monroe.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion by Perrin Purvis, seconded by Bob Breeden, the Board approved the minutes of the November 18, 1993, meeting as mailed. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of Agenda

After a review of the agenda, item H. EdNet Report, was deleted and a program item was added under item J. Other Business. On a motion by Bob Breeden, seconded by George Walker, the Board unanimously adopted the amended agenda.

REPORTS/ACTION

MACJC REPORT

Mr. Robert McClellan, in the absence of Dr. Eddie Smith, reported on the following items addressed at the November 23, 1993, Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges president's meeting:

Dr. Smith and several other presidents are in Atlanta, attending the SACS Convention.

The presidents have scheduled a retreat to develop a response the SBCJC's Workforce Training Proposal and policy on foundation affairs.

Dr. David Haraway, President of Northwest Mississippi Community College has been elected to the Public Education Forum.

The Association requested that Mrs. Nell Murray, from Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, and Mr. Robert McClellan begin developing a program of trustee training for newly appointed local Board members. The National Association of Trustees already has a three year certifying process.

The Phi Theta Kappa Academic All-American Team proposal that recognizes outstanding academic students, was discussed and accepted. Committees were appointed to help with fund raising.

The Association discussed the regional legislative meetings.

Mississippi Delta Community College won the National Football Championship, and Jones Junior College also played in the Tyler Texas Bowl ending in a tie. The MACJC All-Star Football Game was played in Booneville. Out of 66 participants in last year's game, 57 have signed four year scholarships.

The Association expressed its concern to Dr. David Haraway at the loss of his mother.

There will be no December Association meeting.

Finance Committee

Deborah Gilbert reported on January 1994 disbursements from fund 2298 in the total amount of \$10,229,800. On staff recommendation, a motion by Bob Breeden, and a second by George Walker the Board unanimously approved the January disbursement. (Exhibit A).

Mrs. Gilbert presented to the Board an Indirect Cost Proposal to be negotiated between the SBCJC and U. S. Department of Education. On staff recommendation, a motion by Alton Bankston, and a second by Bob Breeden, the Board conditionally approved, subject to a cost/benefit determination, the indirect cost proposal. (Exhibit B).

On staff recommendation, a motion by Perrin Purvis, and a second by George Walker the Board unanimously approved the escalation of the administrative budget to include 100% federal funds of \$230,000 for Homeless Adults and \$256,716 for Life Skills for State and Local Prisoners Program. (Exhibit C).

Deborah Gilbert gave a report on disbursements from the Education Enhancement Fund. The December disbursements from fund 4080 were \$1,408,865, and from fund 4110 were \$165,775, totaling \$1,574,640. (Exhibit D). No action was required.

Mrs. Gilbert presented a report on financial statements for fund 2291 and fund 3291 for the Board's information. No action was required. (Exhibit E).

In other business, Deborah Gilbert presented a report on county tax support (Exhibit F), and an allocation prepared based on legislative budget recommendation for FY 95 (Exhibit G), both for information purposes only.

On a motion by George Walker, seconded by Bob Breeden, the Board unanimously voted to have SBCJC staff prepare a recommendation for approval at the next Board meeting, to deal with the need for more funding for part-time academic students.

Committee on Foundation Affairs

Lanny Monroe reported that the community and junior college presidents met to consider the workforce training proposal and the draft of foundation affair guidelines. The Committee on Foundation Affairs will meet with the Executive Committee of the Association prior to the January Board meeting to discuss recommendations and changes.

Workforce Education Plan Report

Mr. George Walker presented a workforce training proposal, and reviewed key points with the Board. On a motion by Alton Bankston, seconded by Bob Breeden, the Board unanimously approved and endorsed the concept of Mr. Walker's workforce education training plan. (Exhibit H).

Audit Report

Mr. Bill Bunch presented a report to the Board on final figures for the fall 1993 enrollment audit. (Exhibit I).

Mississippi Mobile Learning Lab

Mr. Ed Schneider reported to the Board about the mobile learning lab located at AirCap Industries and attached to Itawamba Community College. The mobile learning lab is currently using a B.A.S.E. program to bring up the literacy level of employees. At the end of the existing workplace literacy grant, November 30, 1994, the mobile lab will be moved. On staff recommendation, a motion by George Walker, and a second by Amos Bridges, the SBCJC unanimously approved a proposal to transfer title of the mobile learning lab from the State Department of Economic and Community Development to the State Board for Community and Junior Colleges. (Exhibit J).

Literacy Grants

Ms. Eloise Johnson reported to the Board on the federal grant awarded to the Board. The Homeless Grant in the amount of \$230,000 has 13 different instructional sites, and deals with basic and employability skills. Two products developed from this program have been Job Search Plan and Math Survival curriculums.

Ms. Johnson also reported that the SBCJC has been awarded a three year corrections education grant. The amount of the grant for 1994 is \$256,000. The program will begin at the Rankin County Correctional Facility, the second year adding a site at Greene County, and the third year adding an additional program at Parchman.

Mississippi is one of four states in the nation that has grants awarded in the area of workplace literacy, homeless, and corrections. Mississippi is also one of five states that has a staff development grant through our state resource center.

Travel Authorization

Lanny Monroe asked for requests for travel reimbursements other than regular Board meetings. In Paul Breazeale absence, Dr. Ray requested reimbursement of expenses for an EdNet Board meeting on December 13, 1993, and also official related travel expenses for George Walker. On a motion by Amos Bridges, seconded by Bob Breeden, the Board unanimously approved reimbursement for Mr. Breazeale and Mr. Walker.

Other Business


Bill Bunch presented a request from the University of Mississippi's Southaven Campus, for approval of a lower level division course, ART 205 - Introduction to Interior Design, to be offered during the 1994 spring semester. Upon staff recommendation, Amos Bridges made a motion, seconded by George Walker, that the SBCJC approve the University of Mississippi's request. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Mr. Bunch asked Board members to come by his office and pickup poinsettias brought by Jones County Junior College for the Board.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on January 20, 1994.

Adjournment

On a motion by Bob Breeden, seconded by Alton Bankston, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 a.m.


Lanny Monroe, Chairman


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Executive Director